

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Eric Ridge,

Petitioner,

v.

State of Nevada,

Respondent.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00369-ART-CLB

Order Dismissing Case

Petitioner Eric Ridge a Nevada state prisoner in custody at Northern Nevada Correctional Center, appears to have attempted to initiate a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus petition. But he has submitted only an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1.) He has not filed a habeas petition, and therefore, has not properly commenced a federal habeas matter. In fact it is not even clear that Ridge seeks habeas relief. If Ridge intends to seek habeas relief, he must file a federal habeas petition on the Court's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus form and include either the \$5.00 filing fee or a fully completed application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Local Rule LSR 1-2. Thus, the present action will be dismissed without prejudice as improperly commenced.

1 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
2 (ECF No. 1) is denied as moot.

3 It is further ordered that this action is DISMISSED without prejudice.

4 It is further ordered that a certificate of appealability will not issue, as
5 jurists of reason would not find the Court's dismissal of this improperly
6 commenced action without prejudice to be debatable or incorrect.

7 The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly and close
8 this case.

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11 DATED THIS 3rd day of October 2024.

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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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